

Arkansas Ed-Fi Dashboards

What are the Arkansas Ed-Fi Dashboards?

Ed-Fi is a data standard developed by the Michael & Susan Dell Foundation specifically designed for the K-12 education sector. The Ed-Fi solution is aligned to the Common Educational Data Standards (CEDS) and integrates information from a broad range of existing sources. Ed-Fi acts as a translator of our academic data by integrating and organizing data from our existing sources into a format for the educational dashboards. Currently, there have been over 4,000 educators across the United States provide feedback in the design of the Ed-Fi dashboards.

The dashboards provide educators a web-based solution to view all of the information they need in one central location. The Arkansas Ed-Fi Dashboards will include student demographic information, grades, attendance, discipline, and assessment data. The information contained within the dashboards will be updated nightly to ensure educators have timely information in order to make classroom decisions.

Where does the information come from?

- eSchool Plus
- Statewide Information System (SIS)
- Arkansas Education Licensure System (AELS)

Who will get to use the dashboards?

All districts within the state will have access to the dashboards when they implement eSchool Plus. In Fall 2013, we will be in Phase 3 of the eSchoolPlus implementation and 117 school districts will have access to the dashboards. All districts will have eSchool Plus and the Ed-Fi Dashboards by the 2014-2015 school year.

How much money does it cost for districts to have the dashboards available?

There will be no cost for districts to use the dashboards. The Arkansas Department of Education is developing the dashboards through the Research & Technology annual budget. Additionally, the Michael & Susan Dell foundation support our efforts to provide educators across Arkansas by helping to fund a portion of the dashboards for Arkansas educators.

What is the current status of the dashboards?

In October 2012, we held three Stakeholder Engagement sessions across the state at three educational cooperatives. During the sessions, educators from all levels were able to view mock-ups of the dashboards and offer suggestions and feedback. Currently, we have had 225 teachers, principals, and administrators from across the state participate in the design and development of the dashboards.

On November 9th from 3:00-4:00, the Arkansas Department of Education will also offer an online session for participants unable to attend one of the previous sessions. Participants will be provided with an overview of the dashboards and have the same opportunity to provide feedback through an online survey similar to the on-location sessions.

Behind the scenes, the Research & Technology team at ADE is working to extend our State Information System and working on data mapping with our vendor, Double Line Partners. Double Line Partners will be reviewing the feedback from the sessions to incorporate feedback into the development of the dashboard's design.

What are the future plans?

We plan to pilot the Arkansas Ed-Fi Dashboards with three districts across the state beginning in April 2013. In Fall 2013, the 117 districts across the state who have implemented eSchool Plus will have access to the dashboards. All additional districts will have access in alignment with their eSchool Plus implementation year.

Where can I go for additional information?

ADE Data Center

The ADE Data Center will provide additional information on the Ed-Fi Dashboards as well as information on the data systems that will supply the information for the dashboards.

<http://adedata.arkansas.gov/>

Commissioner's Memo

The Arkansas Commissioner's memo released on October 4, 2012 provides additional information concerning the Arkansas Ed-Fi Dashboards. Please [click here](#) to access the Commissioner's Memo.

Arkansas Ed-Fi Advisory Council

The Arkansas Ed-Fi Advisory Council allows participants to receive the latest information concerning the status of the Arkansas dashboards. The Advisory Council also helps the Arkansas Department of Education by providing additional feedback and suggestions concerning the dashboards. Please contact Holly Glover at holly.glover@arkansas.gov to sign-up for the Advisory Council.

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The Ed-Fi website provides additional information concerning the Ed-Fi solution, technical information, and frequently asked questions. www.ed-fi.org